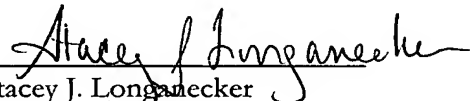


The Examiner is requested to consider the attached documents in connection with the above-identified application and to return a copy of Form PTO-1449 to the Applicant with the Examiner's initials in the spaces provided. This is an IDS filed within three months of the receipt of an International Search Report and therefore no fee should be required.

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